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Re: RPS Draft Advisory Ruling-PSNH Schiller Station

Dear Sir/Madam;

The State of Maine appreciates the opportunity to comment on the RPS Draft Advisory Ruling for the PSNH Schiller Station in New Hampshire.

The State of Maine has been very interested in this facility as well as the other PSNH facilities and totally supports the biomass conversion of Unit 4 at the Schiller Station. Reducing emissions from this unit is a step in the right direction.

Although conversion of this unit will not eliminate the ongoing violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards in New Hampshire and Maine Ambient Air Quality Standards as shown in MEDEP, NHDES and PSNH modeling analyses, reductions in regional emissions benefit downwind areas such as Maine and the Canadian Maritimes while reducing the Northeast's use of non-renewable resources.

Thank you for allowing the State of Maine this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Division of Licensing and Enforcement
Bureau of Air Quality